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Redevelopment Board minutes 07-22-2002

Meeting of July 22, 2002

Members Present: Roland Chaput
Barry Faulkner
John FitzMaurice
Nora Mann

Also in attendance: Alan McClennen, Jr., Secretary ex officio

8:00 pm. -- The Arlington Redevelopment Board convened on the second floor of the annex of the Robbins Memorial Town Hall to review the request of William Rowe of Waterpower Trust to replace windows at 5 Water Street. Motion: Moved by Nora Mann, seconded by Barry Faulkner, to approve the request; unanimous vote in favor.

8:15 pm -- Request of Barrington Management of Locke School Condominiums, 88 Park Avenue, to remove the flagpole at the front entry. The Board reviewed the request, looked at the plans as originally approved, and determined that the flagpole was a key part of the architectural design of the building. Motion by John FitzMaurice, seconded by Barry Faulkner, that the request to remove the flagpole be denied; on a vote of three in favor and one opposed (Nora Mann), the request was denied.

8:30 pm -- Carl Toumayan appeared before the Board representing "Not Your Average Joe's" with a request for Board decision on whether changes to the exterior of 645 Massachusetts Avenue requires an Environmental design Review.

Mr. Toumayan was present with Mr. Silverstein and the designer Mr. Nemetz. The owner and the designer presented a rendering showing the proposed exterior changes. The Board noted that the proposed sign in the rendering would not be acceptable. The owner indicated that they would return with a different sign proposal. Motion: Moved by Nora Mann, seconded by John FitzMaurice, that the proposed changes were not subject to an Environmental Design Review. The Board also noted that it was working on plans for new street furniture standards and would like to work with the owners for any changes they proposed at their restaurant. The owners agreed.

8:45 pm -- Director's Report:

1. Reed's Brook: Mr. McClennen provided a brief update regarding Reed's Brook.
2. Mr. McClennen informed the Board of the status of the petition of the Town concerning "Special Places." It was his understanding that the committee on local affairs had sent it to a legislative study committee.
3. Symmes: Mr. McClennen reminded the Board that the first design charrette was scheduled for July 30 at the hospital.
4. Mr. McClennen reviewed materials relating to change from high pressure to low-pressure steam. He noted that the proposed changes will be conducted under the provisions in the current Sodexo management contract. The changes will provide a payback in approximately one year and save \$250,000 per year in future operating expenses. Motion: Moved by Nora Mann, seconded by Barry Faulkner to proceed with the changes to the heating system.
5. Minutes to be approved: Moved by Nora Mann, seconded by Barry Faulkner to approve the minutes.

9:00 -- Other Business: Mr. Chaput briefed the Board on discussions he had with Paul English concerning wireless internet connections. The Board decided that this type installation would not require an Environmental Design Review.

9:15 p.m. -- Adjournment. Moved by Nora Mann, seconded by Barry Faulkner, that the meeting adjourn; unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan McClennen, Jr.